

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of the claims.

Listing of Claims:

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1.-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) An article comprising recrystallized silicon carbide having a pore size of at least about 15 μm with a pore surface area of less than about 0.04 m²/g. and comprising impurities at a concentration of less about 400 ppm, wherein the impurity is at least one of iron, copper, nickel, chromium and calcium.

15. (Cancelled)

16.-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 14, wherein the recrystallized silicon carbide further comprises inert impurities.

24. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 14, wherein the article is a wafer boat.

25.-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) A wafer boat comprising recrystallized silicon carbide having pores interconnected to form a network and comprising an active impurity component at a concentration of less than 1 ppm, wherein the active impurity component is one of iron, copper, nickel, chromium, and calcium.

31. (Cancelled)